DENTAL COMPLAINT FORM

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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DPH USE ONLY:
Entered into Database (date) _____/_ _____/_____ Docket # _____ - _____ - _____ Initials _____

Please complete this form as fully as possible. Please TYPE or WRITE LEGIBLY in ink.

COMPLAINANT

☐Mr.
☐Mrs.
☐Ms. _____ _____ _____ _____
Your Last Name | Your First Name | Patient's Name (If different) | Patient's Age

Your Business Name: _____
(if applicable)
Business Address: _____ _____ _____
Street | City | Zip

Your Address: _____ _____ _____
Street | City | Zip

Your Primary Phone number: ( ) | Your Secondary Phone number : ( ) | Your Email:

LICENSEE

DO NOT LIST A DENTAL CLINIC OR DENTAL CENTER ON THIS LINE

☐DENTIST
☐HYGIENIST:_____ _____ _____
Last Name | First Name | Lic # (if known)

Licensee's Business Name:_____

Business Address: _____ _____ _____ _____
Street | City | Zip | Phone

COMPLAINT DESIPTION

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

☐ Misdiagnosis of condition
☐ Patient abandonment/neglect
☐ Inferior work - quality of care provided
☐ Unable to obtain dental records or x-rays
☐ Inappropriate prescribing
☐ Fraud
☐ Business practice Issues
☐ Impairment
☐ Unlicensed practice
☐ Other (specify)

DATE(S) OF INCIDENT(S) : _____

DETAILS OF COMPLAINT: Clearly describe the incident(s) leading up to your complaint. If applicable, **attach copies** of documents such as medical and/or dental records, photographs, bills, insurance statements, cancelled checks, correspondence, prescriptions, witness statements, etc. that support your statements. DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS. Attach extra paper as needed to complete this section.

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Details of Complaint (continued)

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COMPLAINT DETAILS

Have you discussed this matter with the dentist/hygienist or anyone in the licensee's office? ☐ yes ☐ no
Date of contact: _____ How was contact made? (phone, e-mail, letter, in person) _____

Result of contact _____

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Witness name(s) and telephone number(s) (if applicable) _____

Have you filed this complaint with any other state or federal agencies? _____ If yes, explain_____

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If this complaint is against a person or entity licensed by the Dental Board, **are you willing to testify** in person regarding this matter at a formal hearing?
☐ Yes, I am willing. ☐ No, I am not willing.

What action by the Board would address your complaint? _____

OTHER

PREVIOUS DENTIST (if applicable) _____
Name

_____ _____
Street and City Address Phone

SUBSEQUENT DENTIST* (if applicable) _____
Name

_____ _____
Street and City Address Phone

* Attach report from subsequent dentist (if available).

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS AND REFERRAL OF COMPLAINT

My signature on this form, or photocopy thereof, authorizes the Department of Public Health to: (1) receive copies of all my medical, dental, and mental health records relating to my complaint, and (2) refer my complaint to other law enforcement authorities for appropriate action.

I understand that all complaints are investigated to determine the factual basis. The act of filing a complaint and its receipt and/or investigation by DPH does not mean that disciplinary action will be taken against the licensee.

I hereby declare that I am at least 18 years old and affirm under penalties of perjury that the information provided in connection with the foregoing complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

_____ _____
Signature of **Date**

☐ **Patient or**

☐ **Legal Representative, or**
(attach documentation)

☐ **Other Complainant**

Mail this form to:
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DHPL Office of Public Protection
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